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Customer No. 22,852  
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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of: )  
Jean-Marie Basset et al. ) Group Art Unit: 1764  
Application No.: 10/040,495 ) Examiner: Thuan D. Dang  
Filed: January 9, 2002 )  
For: Process for Manufacturing Alkanes )  
With Methane )

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**REPLY TO OFFICE ACTION**

In reply to the Office Action mailed June 30, 2003, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

**Amendments to the Specification** are included beginning on page 2 of this paper.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims beginning on page 3 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** follow the amendment sections beginning on page 7 of this paper.